primary health infrastructure under the social safety net programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many such districts are located in Bihar with details thereof; and

(d) details of the different programmes which Government propose to launch in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme in 90 identified demographically weak districts five PHCs from each district have been provided Rs. 10.00 lakh each for the following facilities;

i) an operation theater
ii) an observation ward with six beds
iii) a labour room
iv) a generator
v) a water pump
vi) an ambulance, if not already available
vii) Promotion of Information, Education and Communication

(c) In Bihar, five demographically weak districts have been identified for strengthening.

The Names of the districts are as under:

i) Nawada
ii) Saharsa
iii) Samastipur
iv) Katihar
v) Gaya

(d) In addition to immunisation of infants, provision of maternal and child health care, postmortum services, training of medical and para medical staff, services for family planning methods and information, education and communication, Government has also launched the process of decentralised participative planning in the implementation of the target free approach for method specific contraception.

Rise in Prices of Coking, Non-Coking and Medium Grade Coal

2679. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: the reaction of the Finance Minister on the rise of prices of coking, non-coking and medium grade coals which will further trigger inflationary pressure in the economy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The wholesale price of coal mining sub-group has registered an annual increase of 20.1% consequent to the revisions effected in the price of deregulated categories such as coking coal used in steel plants and ABC grades of medium grade coals. The power grade coal continues to be regulated and its price has not been changed for the last two years. The overall contribution to annual inflation, consequent to the price increase in deregulated coal categories, is less than 5% and is, therefore, within a tolerable range.

Grant of Matching Assistance to the States for Developing Infrastructural Facilities for Judiciary

2680. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for grant of matching assistance to the States for developing infrastructural facilities of capital nature for the judiciary under a Central Sponsored Scheme;

(b) if so, the grants released to States, State-wise during last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are not honouring its scheme and not granting requisite matching finance to Maharashtra though the State has been making budget provision for the scheme, if so, the reasons for ignoring State Government's representations from time to time; and